

Compound Subjects and Verbs

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1g. A **compound verb** consists of two or more verbs that are joined by a conjunction and that have the same subject.

COMPOUND SUBJECT At sunrise the **farmer** and the **hired hands** arrived at the field.

COMPOUND VERB They **weeded** and **fertilized** the field of peanut plants.

EXERCISE A Underline the compound subject or compound verb in each of the following sentences. On the line provided, write CS for *compound subject* or CV for *compound verb*.

Examples CS 1. Peanuts and chewy raisins make a tasty snack.

CV 2. Should I eat a peanut butter sandwich or try a different filling?

- _____ 1. Peanuts and soybeans are the two most important sources of vegetable oil.
- _____ 2. The U.S. scientist George Washington Carver researched the peanut and found more than three hundred uses for it.
- _____ 3. Aren't China and India the two major producers of peanuts in the world today?
- _____ 4. Peanut plants are native to South America and belong to the pea family.
- _____ 5. Does your family ever make old-fashioned peanut butter or buy it at the supermarket?

EXERCISE B Combine each pair of sentences to create one sentence with a compound subject or a compound verb. Write the new sentence on the line provided. When you create a sentence with a compound subject, you may need to change the verb, too.

Example 1. Than's father is an excellent cook. Lily's mother is an excellent cook, too. _____

Than's father and Lily's mother are excellent cooks.

6. The private eye ducked behind the bookcase. She listened to the suspects' argument. _____
7. The birdbath attracts many birds. So does the small, wooden bird feeder. _____
8. The plumber fixed the pipe beneath the sink. He also checked the water pressure. _____
9. The plane lifted off. It soared quickly out of sight. _____
10. Tweedledum is a character created by Lewis Carroll. So is Tweedledee. _____